

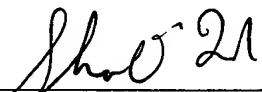
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice. Based on the amendments to the claims in Applicants' Response of April 23, 2003, claim 18 is identical to claim 10.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,  
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